GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4667
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2000
GRANT OF RELIEF TO DISPLACED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to grant relief to the Persons displaced from the Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It has been decided by the Government to grant ex-gratia payment of Rs.25,000/- to each eligible family of those displaced persons from Pak occupied Kashmir whose cases were rejected in the past on the grounds viz.
(i) the family did not migrate during the crucial period between September, 1947 and December, 1950;
(ii) those who did not stay in camps set up by the Government and
(iii) the head of the families did not migrate during the crucial period along with the family; subject to the conditions that monthly income of each such family of the above three categories should not exceed Rs.300/- per month at that relevant time and in cases where State Government of J&K had not paid cash grant of Rs.1000/- per family to some of the rural settlers in the past but had allotted only land to them, the amount of cash grant in such cases would be scaled down proportionately to Rs.7,000/- per family. The Government has also decided to give cash compensation for land deficiency @Rs.5,000/- per kanal to those displaced persons who could not be allotted their full quota of allotable units of land by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir subject to the condition that the maximum amount of such cash compensation would not exceed Rs. 25,000/- per family.

The rate of land deficiency @ Rs.5,000/- per kanal will be maximum rate and permissible to only to those families in whose areas the rate of land is Rs.5,000/- per kanal or more. Where the cost of the land is less than Rs.5,000/- per kanal, the payment will be made at the actual prevailing rates in the area. In addition to this, the Government has also decided to provide Rs.2 crore to the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for allotment of plots to those urban settlers who could not be allotted plots in the past and who have already been settled in the State of J&K and further, Rs.25 lakh for providing civic amenities in the 46 regularised colonies inhabited by these displaced perons.